Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John’s Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
July 14-15, 2018 5 p.m and 8 a.m.

THE PRELUDE: “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” arranged by Michael Burkhardt

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 (please stand if you are able)

INTROIT: Psalm 143

For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pre- serve my life! Bring my soul out of | trouble!
O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!
Answer me, in Your | righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with Your | servant, for no one living is righteous be- fore You.
Let me hear in the morning of Your | steadfast love, for in | You I trust.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son as it was in the be- ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pre- serve my life! Bring my soul out of | trouble!

KYRIE: (pages 168-169)

HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Feast” pages 171-172

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:
P: The Lord be with you. C: (sung) And also with you.
P: Let us pray. C: O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE EPISTLE READING:

Ephesians 1:3-14
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Amos 7:7-15
This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

C: Thanks be to God.
Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.” But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “The head of John the Baptist.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king and said, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “The head of John the Baptist.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

(please be seated) (5 p.m.) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:

Heavenly Father, we come to praise You, And to say thank You here in our song,

For all the gifts You give through Your kindness, Showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.

Jesus, our Savior, we love and follow, For all the blessings You died to share;

Life and salvation we have forever, Trusting Your mercy, knowing Your care.

Comforting Spirit, move us to worship, Showing Christ’s love in all that we do.

Help us to serve our brothers and sisters, Knowing the offering’s given to You.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 686 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

SERMON: “God’s Gospel Guarantee; to the Praise of God’s Glory” Ephesians 1:11-14

(please stand if you are able) OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(8 a.m.) The Nicene Creed: page 174 (5 p.m.) The Apostles’ Creed: page 175

(please be seated) OFFERING: “Meditation” by John Leavitt

(please stand if you are able) OFFERTORY: page 176

THE 5 p.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Benediction.

(8 a.m.) SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 177ff.

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SANCTUS and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 178

LORD’S PRAYER and THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 179


THE AGNUS DEI: page 180

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

819 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

622 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 181

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND BENEDICTION: page 183

CLOSING HYMN: 662 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

THE POSTLUDE: “Onward, Christian Soldiers” arranged by Lani Smith

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